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1. The Ernst Thaelmann Werk, Suhl,¹ is presently producing parts for both the OF pistol and MG 42.
2. The VVB IKA Werk, Suhl,² is to switch to armament production in the near future. Recently secret orders were received from Berlin, whereupon the director of the plant departed for conferences in the Ministry of Interior in Berlin. No details of the projected armament production are available, however, it is reported that starters and ignition coils for armored vehicles will have first priority.
3. During the third week in December 1952, two Russians accompanied by a German technical specialist arrived in Suhl to discuss the projected change-over in production.

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Comments:

1. VEB Ernst Thaelmannwerk, Suhl (VVB Mewa)
2. Probably VEB Elektrogeraetewerk, Suhl (VVB IKA).

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